

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: CPI RISES 0.6 PERCENT IN APRIL

1. STATISTICS CANADA REPORTED ON MAY 12 THAT APRIL'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ROSE 0.6 PERCENT TO 157.9 FROM 157.0 IN MARCH. OVER 40 PERCENT OF INCREASE ATTRIBUTED TO HIGHER FOOD COSTS, WITH FOOD INDEX RISING 1.0 PERCENT TO 174.7 FROM 172.9.
2. HIGHER PRICES FOR FRESH PRODUCE, MILK, BUTTER, SUGAR AND COFFEE WERE ONLY PARTLY OFFSET BY LOWER PRICES FOR BEEF, PORK AND POULTRY. INDEX FOR FOOD CONSUMED AT HOME WAS UP 1.3 PERCENT IN APRIL AND HAS NOW INCREASED BY 6.2 PERCENT IN FIVE-MONTH PERIOD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1976 AND APRIL 1977.
3. ALL-ITEMS INDEX EXCLUDING FOOD ROSE 0.5 PERCENT, FROM 151.2 TO 152.0, WITH HIGHER SHELTER COSTS AS WELL AS HIGHER ELECTRICITY AND WATER RATES ACCOUNTING FOR LARGE PROPORTION OF INCREASE.

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4. ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, CPI ADVANCED 0.8 PERCENT IN APRIL, WITH 1.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN FOOD INDEX AND 0.5 PERCENT RISE IN INDEX FOR ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD.
5. IN APRIL, CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE IN CPI, BASED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MOVEMENT IN LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD, WAS 11.3 PERCENT. ENDERS

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